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PENNY'S WORDS OF WISDOM



information to follow ASAP.

Greetings from the 6th District. I was so happy to see so many wonderful ALA members in attendance at our District meeting last week. I hope you all enjoyed the PowerPoint presentation and all the information being shared.

It is a great year to build our foundation and keep the membership in the ALA alive.

A few housekeeping notes. There is a new VA donation form, I have posted it on the new ALA FL 6th District Facebook page and have sent an email out to the Unit Presidents and Secretaries to print or email their members. In addition, from Department Treasurer, Brandi, EVERY UNIT is required to have a Form 990, License from the Department of Agriculture, and an updated Sun Biz record. It is the responsibility of the Unit to be sure to send the information to Department to remain in compliance. Please send to ALAFLHQ@alafl.org as soon as you have these updated.

Also, if you have not already sent in your Unit Chairman, please do so. This helps our District Chairman share information regarding reporting, news about our ALA programs and much more.

Fall Conference is right around the corner and the tickets are now on sale for the President and Commander's Banquet. The tickets are \$65 each and will go fast. The theme is 70's Rock N Roll so bring out those bell bottoms and Dance the night away.

I will have more information very shortly but wanted to put this out there. I have been asked to help organize within the 6th District a toy drive for the children and the Domiciliary VA. Robin Shellhammer has been in touch with the representative and instead of picking a few angels, they would like an influx of toys that they can match with the appropriate families. We would like to have all the toys dropped off by our next District Meeting, December 7th. More



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OPPORTUNITY FOR FREE FLAGS



U.S. Flag Maker warmly invites you to join us in our heartfelt mission this Veterans Day (November 11)-let's come together to extend a handshake, share a smile, and place a flag in the hands of our cherished veterans. This simple yet profound gesture serves as a powerful tribute to the brave men and women who have dedicated their lives to safeguarding our freedoms.



VETERANS APPRECIATION FLAG REQUEST

Quantity needed (please circle one): 150

Please ship flags to:

Organization:

Receiving Persons Signature:

Please send catalog/brochure (please circle one): yes no

Post Office Boxes (P.O.) will not be accepted as a delivery addr

Marietta Office: 770-919-0058 E-Mail: orders@usflagmaker.net www.usflagmaker.net



THE DETAILS

U.S. Flag Maker will ship, at no charge to your organization, up to 300 - 4"X6" U.S. flags with a 10" staff for you to distribute to Veterans on Veterans Day.

Each flag will bear one of the following imprints on their staff:

> THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE YOU ARE MY HERO **WE SALUTE YOU**

To receive these special flags, please fill out and return the commitment card by e-mail (orders@usflagmaker.net), by mail (189 Cobb Parkway N, Ste C-4, Marietta GA 30062) or call us (770-919-0058).

Please feel free to request a brochure showing all of our U.S. Flag Products and please keep U.S. Flag Maker in mind for your other U.S. Flag needs throughout the coming year.

Veterans Flags requests must be returned by October 12, 2024.

Deadline to order flags for Veterans Day is

October 12, 2024

Email: orders@usflagmaker.net

Mail: 189 Cobb Parkway North, Suite C-4, Marietta, GA 30062

Call: 770-919-0058



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT COMMUNITY EVENT TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024 6-9 PM DOWNTOWN PAVILION 104 S LAKEVIEW AVENUE WINTER GARDEN FREE



STOP BY OUR TENT LEGION POST 63 AMERICAN 63

Learn about our:

Memberships
Veteran and Family Events
and so much more

Sign a Holiday Card for our Troops





2PM SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER

MEXICAN STYLE PIG ROAST (LA GAJA CHINA STYLE) WITH SIDES & DESSERT \$12.00

PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED +RAFFLES + LIVE MUSIC BENEFITING THE DEBBIE DORTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

AMERICAN LEGION OLD GLORY UNIT 183 2706 WELLS AVENUE FERN PARK FL 32730

RSVP - 407-879-2528 OR

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Drop off collection box Post 63 Front Porch 271 W. Plant Street

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CHALLENGE 22

SERVING THOSE WHO ARE STILL FIGHTING

Free Family Friendly Event!

NOV. 2, 2024 EVENT SCHEDULE

9:00 Registration/DJ

10:00 Opening Ceremonies

11:00 Staging for Walk

11:15 2.2 MILE WALK BEGINS

12:15 Post walk gathering!

Music, Food, Beer, and a Raffle Meet the organizations that are healing our veterans!

HELP US, HELP THEM

GIVE VIA TEXT MESSAGE TEXT C22 TO 41444



No act of generosity is too small to make a difference.

SCAN HERE TO DONATE



Qualified 501(c)(3) organization, donations to Challenge 22, Inc are tax-deductible.

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PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE





This is held in conjunction with National Make-A-Difference Day being held October 24, 2024.

Let's show our community that the 219 Family

CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Donate PEANUT BUTTER by October 24th!

NOTE: If you want to donate but don't want to do the shopping, donate cash or make checks payable to "Unit 219" & leave in the lounge for Diane Rousseau, Community Service Chairman!

Last year we collected over 300 jars! Can we do it again this year?

Coordinated by John Gella Memorial Unit 219, American Legion Auxiliary AND MORE IMPORTANTLY supported by the whole 219 Family

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Does your Unit or Legion Family have a special event coming up? A dance, a dinner, or a fundraiser??? Please send your information to the 6th District Legion webmaster, Bob Colbert, so it can be posted on the Legion Family website. Email—bcolbert@usa.net

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Hi everyone! I'm Patsy Sewell and I'd like to introduce myself as the Membership Chairman for our District this year. I am a member of Unit 183, Old Glory, Fern Park/Altamonte Springs. I also serve as the District Secretary and as the president of Unit 183, as well as the Membership Coordinator at Dept Headquarters.

Membership 100% goal for this year is close of books, plus 2. Our current 6th district membership is at 27.37%, we are beating 12th district by a mere few, at 22.35%. Now is the time to get your members to renew and get our numbers up! Would love to have all units at 50% at least by November!

ALAMIS: What is ALAMIS and how can it help your unit? ALAMIS is the American Legion Auxiliary Management Information System. It is used to help manage your members. Each unit may have up to 2 users.

GOT QUESTIONS?

Call Department (Patsy) if....

-you need help with ALAMIS

- Info. needed for transfers, transmittals, etc. for a member
- -ALAMIS set-up
- -Ordering Supplies like membership card sheets, Brochures, etc.

Contact Membership Chairman for.....

- specific questions regarding membership -Qualifications, Criteria for Joining -Ideas for Retaining, Recruiting and/or Rejoining

PATSY: membership@alafl.org (407) 293-7411 press #1

JAN FARRINGTON: membershipchairman@alafl.org

There are 3 different access types for ALAMIS.

Unit View: Cost \$10/yr - this allows you to view your members profiles and reports (such as a membership roster).

Unit Write: Cost \$15/yr - this allows you to view and edit the members profiles, view and print reports, add new users.

Full Access: Cost \$20/yr - this allows you to do everything above, plus allows you to pay your members dues. You must have a unit debit/credit card for this level of access and take online training provided by National.

Having ALAMIS will allow you to enter and pay members faster, perform updates on their addresses, name changes, etc. The only items you would need to continue to send to Department Headquarters are rejoins, transfers, and deceased members. You can find an ALAMIS user request form on department's website under Quick Links/Forms and Resources/Membership Forms/ALAMIS user request.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with any membership questions you may have: membership@alafl.org.

Patsy Sewell, 6th District Membership Chair

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Do you ever wonder what happens with the information that we report on? Why does it matter the number of hours we worked on a program or the amount of money we spent? Believe it or not this information is reported to congress based on the reports that we send to National. The impact form helps create initiatives that can drive positive change and create more benefits to support our veteran community.

Each ALA member should fill out the impact form no matter if the work they do is in the unit or on their own in the community. The monies and hours spent DO directly impact the help that our veterans receive. This is probably one of the most important things we can report on.

Ever wonder how you can report on the dinners you helped the families with, post clean up days and other things within your Post family? These numbers can be reported under section 4 My Service Representing the ALA in the Community.

The forms for members, the unit (Presidents need to send this in with their year end reporting) and District impact forms are located on <u>alafl.org</u> under Forms and Resources - then Unit Forms.

IMPACT FORMS DO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN OUR VETERANS LIVES! -For God and Country,

Penny Kanbara District 6 President 407-879-2528 district6president@alafl.org

Department Committee Zoom Sessions

Are you the Unit Chair for one of the Auxiliary programs? Did you know that our Department Chairs hold regular Zoom meetings so that we can share ideas and get answers to questions concerning the programs that our members may have?

President Penny is working to get a complete schedule of the Zoom sessions and so far we have the following:

VA & R is the Third Thursday of the month @ 7pm. If you wish to join, please email veteransaffairs@alafl.org to be sent the email link.

Americanism/National Security - Joint Zoom meeting - 3rd Monday of the Month - email americanism@alalfl.org to be sent the email link.

We hope to have the complete list by next month. In the meantime, please check out the Facebook groups for each program.

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Borrowed From Charlotte's personal Facebook page: I just completed a wonderful visit through the 6th District, September 19th -22nd. Thank you, 6th District President Penny Kanbara her husband Scotty Kanbara, for being great hosts.

My first stop, on Thursday, September 19th, was at Old Glory Unit 183, where we had Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, and Homemade Mac and Cheese, and Smores for Dessert. I enjoyed meeting with the members there.





On Friday, September 20th, we went to Unit 347, Lady Lakes, for lunch with the Unit 347 members, Unit 219 members and Department Historian Dara Oliver also joined us along with Villagers for Veterans group and a tour of Ashley's Cottage. Villagers for Veterans is an organization that supports in-

jured veterans, Ashley's Cottage. It is a house in Fruitland Park that provides a safe place

for women veterans to go as they transition back into civilian life or need help getting back on their feet, and it can accommodate up to six women at a time. WOMEN VET-**ERANS PROGRAM**









We then traveled to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 219 Fruitland Park, for a home cooked dinner of baked ziti and played the shoots game with members of all of the Families. We even won a few games.

Saturday, 21st, District President Penny, her husband Scotty, her sister Patsy and I

were honored to help support Oviedo Memorial Post 243 annual suicide prevention walk where we chatted with the community about the Be The One initiative. We started at the Veterans Memorial wall at Oviedo On The Park, which was created by an Eagle Scout. We were joined by members of VFW Post 5405 and members of the Young Marines Group. It was a great morning.





After going back to Penny's house to refresh, we did find some time to "build" a house figuratively. Then on to Unit 286 Pine Castle. It was an honor to have Post 286's Honor Guard welcome me into the Post. I was escorted by my Personal Page Jasmine Harris. The Unit's Spoon Dinner is always delicious. CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE



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Also, MVA top 20 Contestant, Cassandra Guzman, was there with her husband Carlos. After getting to greet the members, we played Family Feud. Our team, Penny and Scotty Kanbara, Jeremy Harris, Barbara Briganti and I won. Woo Hoo.!!

Sunday, September 22, our last stop was at Unit 80 for breakfast joined by Department Treasurer/Unit 80 Member Brandi Seeber and her husband. Bob.



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Charlotte's Official 6th District Visit Other Miscellaneous Pictures















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Charlotte's Official 6th District Visit

Other Miscellaneous Pictures







We hope you've enjoyed all the pictures from President Charlotte's visit. If you have other pictures from Charlotte's Official Visit to the 6th District, please email them to Nell at necolbert@usa.net so that we can include them in our next newsletter.

NAME OUR NEWSLETTER CONTEST

While "News You Can use" is a tried and true name for newsletters, it's a name that has been over-used by many organizations. So... put your thinking caps on and let's come up with a dynamic name that exemplifies what our District 6 is all about as we work to Secure our Foundation to Build a Stronger Future by Building the House where Membership is the Key. And remember, this year, our construction tool is a torch.

Submit your ideas to our editor at necolbert@usa.net before October 20th and your Unit will get bragging rights for having named the 2024 -2025 District 6 newsletter!

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UNIT 63, Winter Garden

We are collecting Holiday cards for our troops through October 17th. The collection box is on the front porch at Post 63, 271. West Plant St., Winter Garden. Thank you. See our flyer on Page 6. Our Legion Family is also hosting National Night Out on October 1. See our flyer on page 3.

UNIT 112, Winter Park



This month two of our Girls State delegates joined the Legionnaires from Post 243 and their families for a delicious steak dinner and to present their updates on their exciting experiences at the 2024 Girls State. Post 243 does not have an Auxiliary Unit and they have supported Unit 112 in both our Poppy distribution efforts and our desire for the last two years to be able to send an over-quota delegate to Girls State. Pictured at left is Unit 112 President, Marge Berrios, along with our delegates and the Post 243 Commander. Marge presented the girls with their Girls State participation certificates and their Girls State medals.

And to the right are President Marge and our Education Chair, Nell Colbert as they present a \$250 check to an awesome first grade teacher at Eastbrook Elementary School in Winter Park. The check, made payable to Scholastic Books, allows Stephanie to provide every student in her classroom one book per month for the entire school year. Our Unit has provided a Scholastic Books check to a deserving teacher at Eastbrook for the last six years as part of our #GiveTenToEducation project.



OLD GLORY UNIT 183, Fern Park/Altamonte Springs

UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENT:

On October 12, 2024, the Auxiliary will be hosting a Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) fundraising event. This holiday honors the deceased. We will be having a pig roast (roasted in La Caja China) and all the sides along with dessert of chocolate flan all for \$12.00. Please come dressed in your finest Spanish attire or Day of the Dead costumes. There will be live music and raffle prizes, including a special cooler filled with all kinds of goodies! All proceeds go to the Debbie Dorton Memorial Scholarship fund. All are welcome! Come join us for a good time! Please see our flyer on Page 5.

Our unit auxiliary members split up and delivered baked goods to 2 different fire stations in our area. Also pictured are our Unit Members and our Officers.







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UNIT 219, Fruitland Park

EGION

Our Unit was please to host President Charlotte during her visit to our Post home and her visit to Ashley's Cottage, a house in Fruitland Park that provides a safe place for women veterans to go as they transition back into civilian life or need help getting back on their feet. Ashley's Cottage it can accommodate up to six women at a time. After visiting the cottage, President Charlotte joined our Legion family for a

home cooked dinner of baked ziti and played the shoots game with members of our Legion Family.

Also during September and October, our Unit holds our Peanut Butter drive to support our local food bank. Please see our flyer on page 8. Donations are due by October 24th.





Happy Fall everyone. Pine Castle Unit 286 has been working hard the last few months. In July we hosted the Post 286 Family Children & Youth Back to School Party. There were 97 children signed up. They all received backpacks, school supplies, a ruler with all the presidents on it, an American Flag, the American Flag comic book, and a Poppy coloring book. Every backpack had a membership application, a poppy, and a note wishing them a great school year tied to it. There

were 13 backpacks delivered to the Lake Baldwin HUDVASH for two families that need assistance.

In August the Unit hosted the 6th District School of Instruction. There was a very nice turnout for that. The Unit also started making plans for the Post Family cancer fundraiser that is being held on October 5th. See our flyer on Page 4.

There were several members that participated in the 9/11 program that was held at the Post. On Friday September 20th, the Legion held a POW/MIA program. Students from Oakridge JROTC did an amazing job presenting the missing man table. The Post was packed for the special program.

Saturday September 21st, President Charlotte Bass came to visit. She, along with District President Penny, and several other district members attended the monthly spoon dinner. Madam President was presented a few gifts to start her year off. We then played a friendly game of Family Feud, or as the Commander put it "Legion Family Feud".

Our unit is working hard to get 2025 renewals in. We are even giving members a chance to have their 2026 dues paid by the Unit if they pay 2025 by October 11th. The names of members who renew by 10/11 will get put in a drawing for this. Can't wait to see who the lucky winner will be.

Hope everyone has a great month and a Happy Halloween.

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The Chaplain's Prayer—Paula Fox



Hello, all Auxiliary members

My name is Paula Fox and I'm honored to be your 6th District Chaplain for the 2024-2025 year. One thing to remember - I'm here if you need anything or have any questions. I want to encourage all Unit Chaplains to be there for our Auxiliary members when they need someone to talk or listen to after losing a loved one. We are here to provide our members with spiritual and emotional guidance. Sadly, to let everyone in the 6th District know that we have lost four Auxiliary members. Our 6th District misses

them tremendously. Let's pray for our Veterans, community and our country every day to be safe.

Let us pray:

Dear God, we know that you have planned a season for everything and that includes us. As we transition from one season of life to the next let us produce and plant seeds of knowledge and wisdom, so others will know you. Our desires should be your desires, and we accept that you are the one who opens the doors to our past, present, and future. Almighty God we come to you asking you to guide us in our thoughts and actions. Let us continue to have faith that the leaders of our great nation will continue to turn to you for guidance. We have faith knowing that you are in charge of all things in Heaven and Earth. Protect those who protect us in the Armed Services and be with their families. This we pray in your name.

For God and Country,

Sincerely, Paula Fox 6th District Chaplain (407)747-0725

If your Unit has suffered the loss of one of your members, please remember to notify both our District Chaplain, Paula Fox, and the Department Chaplain, Karen Marks.

Email Karen at chaplain@alafl.org and Paula at foxinails1282@aol.com The Member Data Form should be completed for each member who has passed and included with your emails.

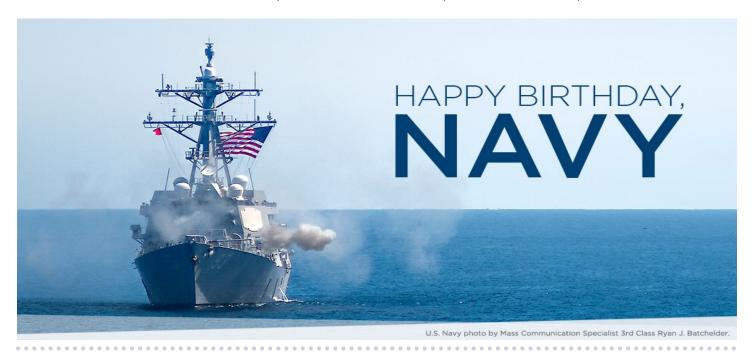
The Member Data Form should also be emailed to Department Membership at membership@alafl.org so that National's records can be updated.



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2024-2025 District Calendar

- Jimmy Carter's Birthday—10/1/1924—Happy 100th birthday
- Happy Birthday, US Navy—October 13th
- Fall conferences have been designed to serve as fun and learning opportunities through breakout classes and distinguished guest speakers. Each year Fall Conference is geared toward the needs of our members. **November 22 24, 2024** | Caribe Royale Orlando
- 6th District Family Meeting Saturday, December 7, 2024 - 9 AM Post 35, 920 S Highland St, Mount Dora, FL 32757
- 6th District Family Meeting Saturday, March 1st, 2025 - 9 AM Post 347, 699 W Lady Lake Blvd, Lady Lake, FL 32159
- 6th District Picnic—Post 183, Altamonte
- 6th District Family DCC Saturday, April 26, 2025 - 9 AM Post 80, 1019 Pennsylvania Ave, St. Could, FL 34769
- Department of Florida 2025 Convention June 12-15, 2025
 Orlando Hilton Lake Buena Vista, 1751 Hotel Plaza Blvd, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830



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